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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 02FEKM002	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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Applicant LG ELECTRONICS, INC. et al		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-9, as originally filed
pages, filed with the demand
pages, filed with the letter of
- ☒ the claims:
pages, as originally filed
pages, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages, filed with the demand
pages 10, 11, 12, 13, filed with the letter of 15.03.2004
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1/6- 6/6, as originally filed
pages, filed with the demand
pages, filed with the letter of
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages, as originally filed
pages, filed with the demand
pages, filed with the letter of

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheet

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents are referred to :

D1 = closing control and opening free assembly for a hinge connection

US 5598607 A(1997.02.04).

D2 = control assembly for a hinge connection US 5682645 A(1997.11.04).

Novelty

None of the above documents reveals the configuration of the braking members, described in the claims. Therefore, the invention according to claims 1-19 is considered to be novel.

Inventive step

This claimed invention relates to a hinge structure for a flat visual display device which functions as a structure between the flat visual display device and a supporting portion of the display device so as to allow both of the display device and the supporting portion to smoothly operate as well as readily adjust braking force applied thereto owing to frictional force.

D1 teaches a closing control and opening free assembly for a hinge connection between a first segment and a second segment.

D2 reveals a control assembly for a hinge connection between a first segment and a second segment.

Neither D1 or D2 teaches the characteristics of this invention, that its braking members are cylindrically configured and inserted in the circular contact face between the outer circumference of the rotational shaft and the inner circumference of the braking housing.

Therefore, this invention is considered to involve an inventive step.

Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-19 fulfills the requirements of Article 33(4) PCT because it is useful.